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In the matter of

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Staff Present

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Diane Hamel, Executive Secretary

Also Present

Public Comment

Jim Wright

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P R O C E E D I N G S

JULY 20, 2010 9:31 A.M.

CHAIR SPANO: The hour being 9:31 a.m., and a quorum being present. Let's begin. We are going to reconvene from yesterday's meeting. Secretary, would you please call the roll?

MS. HAMEL: Mr. Ahmadi - Here; Ms. Camacho - Here; Ms. Spano - Here.

CHAIR SPANO: Well, yesterday we completed a lot of work and I just want to go over a little bit and recap what we did. Yesterday, we selected an interview schedule that will have us conducting five interviews per day, every business day between August 4th and September 9th -

MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGWAY: August 6th and September 13th, I am sorry.

CHAIR SPANO: Oh, okay. In addition, we eliminated 142 Applicants for whom none of us made a favorable recommendation. We also identified 40 Applicants who are neither Democrat or Republicans, who will be interviewed beginning August 6th. We also eliminated the rest of the other Applicants and, essentially, today we are going to do the same thing with the sub-pool of Republicans.

I know the Bureau will update the Website as soon as practicable. It is my understanding that, if you are

1 identified as an Applicant we would like to interview, the
2 Bureau will be contacting you regarding how and when you
3 will schedule your interview and, if necessary, arrange
4 your travel. So, please check your e-mail on a regular
5 basis so that you do not miss this important
6 communication.

7 Do any of the Panel members have any announcements
8 they would like to make? It is time.

9 MS. CAMACHO: I do not have any.

10 MR. AHMADI: Neither do I.

11 CHAIR SPANO: Okay, then I think we should move to
12 the next sub-pool of Applicants, the Republicans.
13 Actually, is there any public comment at this time, before
14 we do start discussing the Republican sub-pool? Seeing no
15 further comment, let's move on and discuss. Actually, I
16 have an Applicant that I would like to discuss and bring
17 forward.

18 CHAIR SPANO: The Applicant is Gene Lee,
19 Applicant No. 8216. This Applicant exhibited many
20 strengths. He is a consensus builder, skilled in group
21 discussions, he is creative and willing to do what is
22 required for the job. He engenders trust and support, has
23 strong analytical skills, and experience with the public
24 and private group meetings. This candidate also was a
25 former Environmental Planning Commissioner, City of

1 Mountain View. He has seen both sides of the public
2 hearing table and participated as a parent when his school
3 recently redrew school boundaries, by determining which
4 school students would attend. He is knowledgeable in the
5 time of data analysis and computer work relevant to the
6 redistricting process. Actually, in 1984, he took the
7 role of environmental planning very seriously as he
8 introduced a no smoking ordinance in the City of Mountain
9 View. Mary and Nasir, how do you feel about this
10 candidate?

11 MS. CAMACHO: I also voted favorably for this
12 Applicant. I thought he had a clear understanding of what
13 was required of the Commission and each Commissioner. He
14 also performed public meetings where he gathered public
15 comment, so that was, I felt, very relevant as a
16 Commission, so I agree, I feel that he would be a person I
17 would like to have on the Tentative list for interviews.

18 MR. AHMADI: And I am glad that you picked this
19 one because, again, this was one of those that I wanted to
20 bring again and discuss because I agree with you, that
21 from the qualifications and the examples that he provides,
22 suggests that this individual will be very successful and
23 a good addition in terms of his qualities and
24 qualifications to do Commission work. So, I agree.

25 CHAIR SPANO: Great, so I will move this

1 candidate into the Tentative pool of 40 for further
2 interviews and consideration. Mary and Nasir, do you have
3 a candidate that you would like to bring forward?

4 MR. AHMADI: I do, thank you. Before I get into
5 the specifics about those that I would like to introduce
6 and discuss here, I went back to my list yesterday and I
7 identified 17 Applicants that I would like to bring in,
8 and I believe that, based on my assessment of the
9 qualifications, most of those would be in common here, so
10 I am going to go to my pile and introduce the first one
11 here, which is Wesley Hussey. This individual has
12 provided excellent examples in terms of his qualifications
13 and the qualities that he would bring to the tasks.
14 Initially, I voted for this one as one of my top 40, which
15 I was hoping to receive three yes's, but I am very glad
16 that he is still in. He is probably the youngest
17 individual to represent part of California in the
18 Commission work. He is a teacher of the subject matter at
19 Sac State, so his knowledge of the Voters Rights Act and
20 the Voters First Act impressed me. He provides a very
21 informed understanding of those subject areas, so I would
22 like to have this individual reconsidered as part of the
23 Tentative 40.

24 MS. CAMACHO: I agree with you, Nasir, he was
25 one of my top 40 and he brings experience as a Board

1 person, so he understands what is required of sitting up
2 here and talking to individuals and conducting himself, he
3 was also - he has frequent contact with the media, so he
4 is very familiar with public speaking and presentations,
5 so, I agree, I would like to see him in our Tentative
6 pool.

7 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

8 CHAIR SPANO: I agree. I just will add a few
9 comments to this because I agree with both of you, this I
10 a teacher that teaches California Politics, and when he
11 teaches his students, he focuses on also exercises about
12 the power of redistricting, I found that very interesting
13 and very relevant. He has a strong knowledge base on
14 redistricting, he also integrates statistics and analysis
15 data with his Social Science issues that he imparts on his
16 students. He has mapping experience and is basically an
17 educator that taught on subjects such as voting. I agree
18 this is a strong candidate, and I agree with both of you
19 that his Applicant should definitely be moved in the pool
20 for further consideration.

21 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

22 MS. CAMACHO: I have an Applicant that I would
23 like to have us consider. His name is Jeffrey Kwong. I
24 was so impressed with this young man's community
25 involvement, him being so young and how much he has been

1 able to put into his application of showing that
2 involvement. Also, he is multilingual, so he can speak
3 Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and some limited Spanish. He
4 has been the Executive Director of the Ms. Asian American
5 Pageant, which deals with - is kind of linked with the
6 Cancer Society, correct, Bob? Liver Institute. So, there
7 is also that aspect, so I would really like to have him be
8 considered for an interview.

9 MR. AHMADI: Mary, thank you. I have a few
10 comments to make about this candidate, and probably
11 walking into the meeting, I had an unfavorable vote for
12 this individual, and the reason for that was that I was a
13 little concerned about his experience in limited
14 employment history because this is a young individual, but
15 when I look at the description of the responsibilities
16 that he had as part of his employment, it appeared to me
17 that he never had a permanent position as a teacher, but
18 he is sort of referring to "my classroom" and "my
19 students," and all that. But that was only, to be honest,
20 not that significant in my assessment, but when I compared
21 to other Applicants in the pool, I thought maybe, at the
22 minimum, we could probably ask this question in an
23 interview, to make sure that, you know, we have considered
24 that aspect of the qualifications for this individual.
25 Other than that, I agree with you that this individual has

1 the qualifications, and I would be happy to put him back
2 into the candidate list.

3 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

4 MS. CAMACHO: Kerri, do you -

5 CHAIR SPANO: Yes, I do. I believe this
6 Applicant exhibits strengths unique to his area. He
7 actually displays a commitment to civic empowerment and
8 public service. In addition to being bilingual, he is
9 able to listen to both sides of an issue very clearly. He
10 is very committed to diverse population's issues. One of
11 his letters says that he answers to the diversity of a
12 group. I think he is very proactive and resourceful in
13 trying to seek both sides of the story. I think his
14 talents and skills would be an asset to the Commission. I
15 believe that this candidate also should move forward to
16 the Tentative pool of 40.

17 MS. CAMACHO: Okay, thank you. And, definitely,
18 Nasir, with your comment, we can bring up that one concern
19 that you have.

20 CHAIR SPANO: I would like to bring forward for
21 discussion Applicant Peggy Huang. Her number is 1458

22 MS. CAMACHO: Is it -

23 CHAIR SPANO: H-u-a-n-g. This Applicant, I felt
24 that, based on her qualifications, the Applicant appeared
25 to display very strong application overall, she is a

1 former California State Senate Fellow, knowledgeable about
2 water rights, she has board experience, and understands
3 people that are new to this country and the needs and
4 their issues. Her parents emigrated from Taiwan and she
5 had a great personal story that related to California.
6 She has lived in many places throughout the state, so she
7 had good recognitions of community interests. She also is
8 an attorney, I believe, and worked for the State Senate
9 Committee. She has great public experience and an
10 education that is suitable for the Commission. Mary and
11 Nasir, what are your thoughts?

12 MS. CAMACHO: Originally, I voted for her
13 unfavorably, but after listening to what you are saying,
14 the concern I had was her community involvement, but you
15 are bringing up valid points, where she is an immigrant,
16 she is involved, and the concern that I have, I think, is
17 not as important. And I kind of would like to interview
18 her to ask her some questions. So, yes, I think we should
19 put her on the Tentative list.

20 MR. AHMADI: And I agree, again, this is one of
21 those Applicants that I had on my list to introduce for
22 discussion, and hopefully bring back to the pool. And the
23 reason, of course, I agree with you that the caliber of
24 qualities and experience, I believe, makes this individual
25 very successful for the tasks of the Commission. And one

1 other thing that impressed me is the fact that this
2 individual has worked both with Democrats and Republicans,
3 and in one of the public comments that we received on June
4 28th, 2010, the response to the public comment convinced me
5 that this individual is also great for impartiality and
6 diversity, so I would like to keep her in the pool.

7 CHAIR SPANO: Great. We will move Peggy Huang
8 to the Tentative pool of 40.

9 MR. AHMADI: I have an Applicant that I would
10 like to have you consider for putting back into the
11 Tentative pool of 40. This Applicant is Jodie Filkins
12 Webber. I voted favorable for this individual coming into
13 the meeting and I am glad that she is still in, and we can
14 discuss this. This individual brings good qualities in
15 terms of the qualifications for diversity, and her
16 response and understanding of California's diverse
17 demographics and geography impressed me, as well. She
18 became an attorney because of a family need, so that told
19 me a lot about this individual's drive and commitment, and
20 sticking to family values and all that. So, without going
21 into the details, I would like to have you guys consider
22 this individual as a qualified application to be
23 considered for the Commission's work.

24 MS. CAMACHO: I agree with you, Nasir. I wanted
25 to bring this particular Applicant forward. I was really

1 impressed with her Civic duties and the mentoring of
2 incarcerated youth.

3 MR. AHMADI: Right.

4 MS. CAMACHO: Also, her ability to not - to be
5 able to talk to people, and her hearing experience, so she
6 would be a good listener at public meetings. So, I agree,
7 we should definitely put her in the Tentative pool.

8 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

9 CHAIR SPANO: I agree with both of your comments
10 about this Applicant. This Applicant impressed me. She
11 is an attorney and she actually has been involved in class
12 actions requiring complex studies and diverse legal issues
13 and class member matrix studies of demographics to
14 determine commonality for a class. And I thought that was
15 a key qualification that would be helpful as a
16 Commissioner. I agree with both of you, I believe this
17 candidate should move forward to the Tentative pool of 40.

18 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

19 MS. CAMACHO: I would like to bring Detta Hunt
20 up for discussion. This individual has numerous relevant
21 skills. She has worked with lower economic individuals.
22 She has an understanding of public testimony, data
23 analysis, and stakeholders meetings, which I think are
24 very relevant for this as a Commissioner. I would like to
25 have her be considered.

1 MR. AHMADI: And on this application, I have a
2 few comments that I would like to share and perhaps the
3 main reason that I did not vote as favorable for this one,
4 coming to this meeting, was the overall - my assessment of
5 the overall qualifications, so there was nothing in
6 particular that stood out to be a reason for saying
7 unfavorable, but looking back at the qualifications and
8 looking back at our initial review back in April, I do see
9 that there are certain qualifications that makes me very
10 comfortable to bring her back in. For example, when I
11 look at the Interest Statement, I have some comments here
12 for myself to remember, "very thoughtful statements and
13 writing skills are great." Responses to other
14 qualifications, related essays, impressed me, as well.
15 Again, nothing in particular that I can share here in
16 terms of detail, but in general terms, the only concern I
17 had was the overall qualifications was not perceived as
18 being most qualified at that time. But now that you
19 mention those specific points, I would be glad to bring
20 her back in for reconsideration, so I agree with you.

21 MS. CAMACHO: Thank you.

22 CHAIR SPANO: Mary, I like this candidate also.
23 I actually was impressed with her analytical skills and
24 the amount of responsibility this Applicant has in her
25 job. She developed a new name for the Food Stamp Program

1 in California, inviting and managing a diverse work group
2 of stakeholders to develop and recommend a new name. She
3 has experience working with a variety of agencies
4 representatives of several food security and hunger
5 advocacy groups, Latino advocacy groups. She has worked
6 collaboratively with work groups. I believe her skills
7 and strengths are directly relevant for Commission work,
8 and I also believe she should be moved to the Tentative
9 pool of 40.

10 MS. CAMACHO: Thank you.

11 CHAIR SPANO: The next Applicant I would like to
12 bring forward for discussion is Applicant David Ikari, I-
13 k-a-r-i, Applicant No. 3368. This Applicant impressed me
14 with his superior public sector experience. He was
15 appointed by the Governor to serve on the California
16 Performance Review. He has strong Commission experience
17 and analytical skills, he has served as a Branch Chief at
18 the Dairy Marketing Branch for the California Food and
19 Agriculture for 36 years, he has got a solid understanding
20 of the pricing and economics about that. He has very
21 strong commission experience in analyzing data. He is a
22 bridge builder, also. And I think he will be good in
23 contentious situations where he can be a peacemaker also
24 in public meetings.

25 MS. CAMACHO: Originally, I was concerned with

1 his responses, that were really kind of technical, and I
2 was worried about him being able to communicate with
3 everybody; however, hearing what you said, and also kind
4 of seeing that he has had public hearing experience, even
5 though it was in regard to milk pricing, I would like to
6 be able to interview him. I think it would be beneficial
7 to put him on the Tentative list.

8 MR. AHMADI: And let me share with you the main
9 reason I had an unfavorable vote for this candidate. And
10 this is something that probably we need to do, a research
11 request, just to make sure, but within the details of the
12 interest statement, the individual states that, "In
13 addition to my professional work experience, I have served
14 as a volunteer member of the Sacramento County Grand
15 Jury," which is great, "Sacramento County Community Bank,
16 Grant Revenue Sharing Commission in the late 1970s," and
17 then there is an indication that he also worked Governor
18 Schwarzenegger's Performance Review. And the response to
19 the interest statement is a little vague, but when I look
20 back at the letter of recommendation, this is the letter
21 of recommendation from Carol Chesbro, she is Deputy
22 Commissioner, Department of Finance in Financial
23 Institutions, so that letter of recommendation had a
24 statement that caused me to pause and rethink, and on the
25 second page towards the kind of last - beginning of the

1 last paragraph says, "On a statewide basis, Mr. Ikari was
2 appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger as a member of a
3 select group to serve on the California Performance
4 Review. He was a member of the Acquisition and
5 Procurement Team," and it goes on to describe other
6 responsibilities. So, I am just sharing my concern,
7 initially, and I understand that we can research this, and
8 I am not counting this against him -

9 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Let me jump in and put
10 your fears to rest. The Bureau has already conducted its
11 appointment screen of all Applicants, that particular
12 Commission is not a State Office under the law, so there
13 is no prohibition that prevents him from serving.

14 MR. AHMADI: Thank you, that makes me feel very
15 comfortable to put him back in. So, I agree with the
16 qualifications as you described it, so I would be happy to
17 bring him back in.

18 CHAIR SPANO: I will move forward Mr. Ikari for
19 further consideration in the Tentative pool.

20 MR. AHMADI: I would like to have you reconsider
21 Michael Briggs and Michael Briggs is an individual who has
22 a vast diverse experience and knowledge in different
23 areas, being an Arbitrator, Mediator, Judge Pro Temp,
24 community volunteer, and in terms of analytical skills, he
25 has knowledge in different areas, or different

1 professions, being a Judicial Doctor, MBA, Economics, and
2 also Spanish language proficiency. There are many
3 attributes that impressed me about this Applicant and I
4 would like to have him back into the pool for
5 reconsideration.

6 MS. CAMACHO: Initially, looking at this
7 Applicant, my concern was I did not really see a lot of
8 description on him working in group efforts, it was more
9 individual. Did that seem the same for you? Or -

10 MR. AHMADI: I agree, but there was some
11 indication that, based on the response to the analytical
12 skills, and also when I look at the activities statement,
13 let me just point out to you, the second from last
14 paragraph under the activities says, "My volunteer
15 activities range from coaching youth athletic to
16 leadership role in the public school governance and pro
17 bono work for nonprofit organizations." So I agree that
18 it is general, but this individual has been involved with
19 community and that actually impressed me, as well.

20 MS. CAMACHO: And that is a very good point, it
21 is the community, him being able to get out into the
22 community and talking with the community, so I agree,
23 let's bring him in and interview him.

24 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

25 CHAIR SPANO: Okay, I agree with both of you. I

1 understand your concerns, Mary, and I believe this
2 Applicant exhibits a strong legal and I believe some work
3 with dispute resolution as an Arbitrator, Mediator, and
4 Judge Pro Temp and as a Chairperson at La Jolla School
5 Site Governance Committee. I thought that exhibited
6 several skills that are necessary for Commission work.
7 Being a professional mediator, you are experienced in
8 listening to various sides of an issue and gathering
9 relevant facts, and I am distinguishing those from
10 irrelevant issues, so I feel this person most likely may
11 be a good listener, also, serve well in public meetings.
12 So I believe this candidate should be moved forward also
13 to the Tentative pool of 40.

14 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

15 MS. CAMACHO: I would like to bring up for
16 consideration Vincent Barabba. This individual has worked
17 - or he oversaw two U.S. Census Bureau's, it was in 1970
18 under the Nixon Administration, in 1980 which was under
19 the Carter Administration, so it was both a Republican and
20 a Democrat, he would be very familiar with the information
21 that is going to be gathered and used for this Commission.
22 I would like to - and also, he has had some board
23 experience, so that is also something that our
24 Commissioners should have, if possible.

25 MR. AHMADI: I agree, Mary, because this

1 individual was one of those that I wanted to introduce for
2 reconsideration, and without going into the detail, my
3 perception of the qualifications and skills were
4 excellent, so I would be happy to put him back into the
5 pool.

6 MS. CAMACHO: Thank you.

7 CHAIR SPANO: I particularly liked this
8 candidate's strengths that he described in his
9 application, were directly relevant and, in addition to
10 you, Mary, mentioning his U.S. Census Bureau, he served as
11 Director for 30 years, he has knowledge directly relevant
12 to the Commission work, and he has received notable
13 experience, awards in marketing, he has experience
14 developing legally defensible decisions for the census, I
15 thought that was extremely important since he has a good
16 understanding of the laws and regulations associated with
17 voting and redistricting, so I believe this candidate is a
18 strong candidate and should be moved forward to the
19 Tentative pool of 40.

20 MS. CAMACHO: Thank you.

21 CHAIR SPANO: Let's see, the next Applicant I
22 would like to move forward for discussion is Applicant
23 Edward Duran, D-u-r-a-n, Applicant No. 5896. This
24 Applicant showed strengths in school board experience, he
25 actually is very familiar with the Voting Rights Act. He

1 has good familiarity with the State and, from time to
2 time, has been county counsel with Orange County, he is
3 familiar with election law, having defended the Orange
4 County Registrar of Voters, he has redistricting
5 experience, also. I believe this candidate is a strong
6 candidate and we should consider to be placed in the
7 Tentative pool.

8 MS. CAMACHO: I originally - I just had a
9 concern about some of the details of his application, but
10 after listening to all of those qualifications, I agree
11 that he should be put in the Tentative list.

12 MR. AHMADI: Thank you. No doubt, this
13 individual exhibits the qualifications and experiences
14 that is significant and valuable, especially for the work
15 of the Commission. Just to share with you a comment about
16 this Applicant, or maybe perhaps the reason why I was a
17 little hesitant is, looking back at the application, in
18 general, in total, I think there was a question in my mind
19 about the effective communication skills in terms of
20 writing because, you know, I know that time is precious
21 and this individual may not have had time to go back and
22 check the responses to the essays, but, you know, I can
23 understand that there is human factor in there, as well,
24 in terms of perhaps honest mistakes, but since there were
25 a number of spelling inaccuracies in the responses, it

1 caused me to pause a little bit. But, of course, as I
2 mentioned, I think that as secondary in terms of
3 qualifications, because looking back at the education, the
4 responsibilities that this individual had, and the
5 community work, and the fact that he was involved with
6 many commissions and committees, successfully, impressed
7 me, as well. So it was a difficult decision, of course,
8 as with many others, but that was just to share with you
9 to consider. But I am happy to bring him back in for
10 reconsideration.

11 CHAIR SPANO: Okay, so we will move him to the
12 Tentative pool of 40.

13 MR. AHMADI: Is it my turn?

14 CHAIR SPANO: Yes.

15 MR. AHMADI: Okay, sorry. Yes, I would like to
16 have another one of my candidates reintroduced for
17 consideration, this is Elizabeth Miller-Bougdanos, and I
18 am sorry if I mispronounced that name, B-o-u-g-d-a-n-o-s.
19 So this individual voted for Voters First Act and in my
20 assessment of her Interest Statement, and the reason why
21 she wants to be part of this historic process and perhaps
22 significantly, in her professional background, I have no
23 doubt that she will be successful in terms of -

24 MS. CAMACHO: Oh, is it Miller-Bougdanos?

25 MR. AHMADI: Yes, sorry.

1 MS. CAMACHO: Thank you.

2 MR. AHMADI: No problem. So, looking back at
3 her professional background and activity that she is
4 involved with, I have no doubt that she will be
5 successful, understanding the mechanism of the type of
6 work that the Commission is going to be undertaking. So,
7 again, one other kind of minor concern that I had
8 initially, but then I found that was too old, she was an
9 intern at the Congressional Office, but that was back in
10 '86, and it does not bother me in terms of impartiality
11 because, when I look at the response to impartiality,
12 there is a sufficient description of the facts that
13 convinced me that she will have no problem adhering and
14 complying with all the requirements in the Voters First
15 Act, so I would be glad to have this individual be
16 reconsidered for Tentative approval.

17 MS. CAMACHO: I had just a minor concern about
18 her community involvement, there was not - I did not see a
19 lot; however, after listening to all the attributes that
20 you have just stated, I agree that we should definitely
21 put her on the Tentative list.

22 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

23 CHAIR SPANO: As I reviewed this Applicant's
24 materials, I believe she exhibited great communication and
25 outstanding stellar writing, throughout her application.

1 She is a great communicator, she is also an attorney-
2 mediator, she has strong listening skills, and with her
3 strong mediation background, she would probably be
4 outstanding in listening to communities of interest. She
5 provided a solid example for the description in how she is
6 impartial as a mediator. She has some commission
7 experience, she was a volunteer mediator in LA Superior
8 Court's alternative dispute resolution, so I believe that
9 her letters of recommendation also favorably recommend
10 this candidate, and I think she would be a good Applicant
11 to move forward in the Applicant pool of 40.

12 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

13 MS. CAMACHO: I would like to bring to
14 consideration Susan Miller. She has hearing experience,
15 she has worked with community colleges to help satisfy the
16 need of the region, she has various different analytical
17 skills that are rather strong and, also, reading her
18 letters of recommendation, I was really impressed with
19 what they were stating in them. So I would like to have
20 her considered.

21 CHAIR SPANO: I also was impressed by this
22 candidate's qualifications. She is a former or current HR
23 Director for NASA, she exhibits great leadership qualities
24 and good group skills and, as well, she is a mediator, so
25 she is a consensus builder. She has a lot of relevant

1 skills that she can offer to the Commission. This
2 candidate, I believe, I agree, should be moved forward to
3 the Applicant pool of 40. Nasir, how did you feel?

4 MR. AHMADI: Yes, and I agree with both of you
5 in terms of an assessment of qualifications. I think, in
6 addition to that experience working as a direct or Human
7 Resources in Management, for example, may be kind of handy
8 for the Commission's work. So, I will be comfortable and
9 happy to reassess the details of the application on this
10 one.

11 CHAIR SPANO: I would like to bring forward for
12 discussion Applicant Evelyn Zneimer, Z-n-e-i-m-e-r,
13 Applicant No. 7268. This Applicant exhibits
14 qualifications and, in legal, she is a trial attorney in
15 private practice, she has served as a Judge Pro Temp in
16 LA, I think all areas of her applicable skills were
17 relevant for Commission work, she also has applicable
18 board and public meetings experience. I believe this
19 Applicant has qualities she can offer as a commissioner
20 that are directly relevant. Mary and Nasir, what are your
21 thoughts?

22 MR. AHMADI: Yes. I came to this meeting with
23 an unfavorable vote for this one, but nothing specific,
24 just when I compared the overall qualifications, it did
25 not seem to me as being comparably competitively, but I

1 would love to look back at the details, and especially
2 that you mentioned certain qualifications that makes this
3 individual unique, I would like to go back and reassess
4 and I am happy to put her back into the Tentative pool of
5 40.

6 MS. CAMACHO: I was the same as Nasir in the
7 sense of there was not really anything specific, but
8 comparing to her to the others, and it has been just so
9 difficult trying to really look at these individuals and
10 determine who to bring forward because we are having such
11 a great pool. She does bring many skills, as Kerri was
12 stating, and she also has a lot of community involvement,
13 she volunteers at the American Cancer Society, the Parks
14 and Recreation, she provides pro bono work, so I
15 definitely would like to put her on our Tentative list to
16 interview.

17 CHAIR SPANO: Great. I will move her to that
18 pool.

19 MR. AHMADI: I had another - can I move forward
20 with another one?

21 CHAIR SPANO: Sure.

22 MR. AHMADI: I had another Applicant that I
23 found excellent in terms of qualifications that I would
24 like to have you guys reassess the qualifications and the
25 detail on the application. This is Bev Perry. And the

1 University of Southern California, Assistant Director of a
2 program, City Council experience back in '92 to 2006, the
3 responses to the essays indicate that she has vast in-
4 depth type of experience and qualifications that will, in
5 my judgment, make her very successful in the work of the
6 Commission. And also, when I look at the letters of
7 recommendation, there is sufficient detail to suggest that
8 this individual will have the type of qualifications and
9 abilities and skills to make her successful for the
10 Commission work. And an example is being Mayor, which is
11 stated in one of the letters of recommendation, but I did
12 not see that specifically in the employment history, maybe
13 I overlooked something, so I will have to take a look back
14 at that detail, but I would like to suggest that we should
15 reconsider this individual as part of the Tentative 40.

16 MS. CAMACHO: I agree with you, Nasir, I think
17 we should reconsider her. I had an initial concern with
18 this Applicant because she did provide a listing of her
19 Board experiences, I just wish she had provided a little
20 bit more detail so I could understand what that was, but
21 she did have a lot of board experience, and she did have
22 experience with public comments, and she does have a lot
23 of the experiences the Commissioners would need, and I
24 would like to put her on the list of Tentative
25 interviewees.

1 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

2 CHAIR SPANO: I agree also. This Applicant was
3 a School District Superintendent for a school in Humboldt
4 County and she worked with demographic data extensively.
5 She has strong solid analytical skills which I think she
6 could apply to the Commission's work. She is very
7 organized, she has public experience, and she is even-
8 handed. I believe that this candidate is strong to be
9 considered for the Tentative pool of 40.

10 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

11 MS. CAMACHO: I would like to bring -

12 CHAIR SPANO: You know what? We just spoke
13 about Bev Perry, right?

14 MS. CAMACHO: Yes.

15 CHAIR SPANO: I just exhibited my comments about
16 another Applicant, I so apologize. I was trying to get
17 ready for my next Applicant and I just made a pitch for
18 the wrong person, but it is another person - it is
19 actually another Applicant, so I apologize.

20 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: So before you move on,
21 why don't you go back to Bev Perry.

22 CHAIR SPANO: I am moving ahead of myself again.
23 Let me look at my notes for a minute. I did think that
24 this was a very strong candidate, she has a career in
25 writing, very much germane to where she is from, and I

1 believe that is the City of Brea, and she has solid
2 experience in planning and government and commission
3 experience. She helped create a long term plan for the
4 Southern California Association of Governments. She
5 previously - I believe she may have stated this already -
6 as City Council member of Brea and also served as Mayor.
7 I believe, also, her strengths are in her analytical
8 skills and her comfort with working with technical data,
9 so I believe also that her letters or recommendation
10 support this also. I believe this candidate should be
11 further considered for the Tentative pool of 40.

12 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

13 MR. AHMADI: So, if I can make a suggestion,
14 since you have already shared some comments about another
15 Applicant, obviously that is one you wanted to bring in,
16 so maybe we can move to that one.

17 CHAIR SPANO: I really should clarify which
18 Applicant I was talking about. That gentleman's name was
19 Skip Jorgensen. His Applicant no. is 1915.

20 MR. AHMADI: So, do you want to add anything in
21 addition to what you described?

22 CHAIR SPANO: No, now that I confused everybody,
23 right?

24 MS. CAMACHO: That is okay.

25 CHAIR SPANO: I did feel strongly about both

1 those candidates. I thought they had great
2 qualifications.

3 MR. AHMADI: I am glad in a way that you made
4 that mistake because this is one of my strong candidates
5 that I wanted to introduce, so I thank you for that. And
6 I agree that this individual will bring certain qualities
7 and qualifications that make the work of the Commission
8 very successful in my judgment. So, without any
9 hesitation, I would love to have this individual back in
10 the pool.

11 MS. CAMACHO: I agree. This is one of the
12 people that I wanted to discuss about also. He has been
13 on the Grand Jury, he has planned and conducted workshops,
14 he has board experience, and all the other things that
15 Kerri has said, so, yes, I definitely would like to put
16 him on the Tentative list.

17 MR. AHMADI: Thank you. If I may, I would like
18 to bring another individual.

19 MS. CAMACHO: Can I?

20 MR. AHMADI: Sure, sorry.

21 MS. CAMACHO: I would like to bring Susan
22 Bowers. This Applicant has some board experience, some
23 public speaking, she is familiar with the Brown Act, which
24 is similar to the Bagley-Keene, so she is aware of what
25 her responsibilities will be as a Commissioner. She has

1 very strong letters of recommendations that I was
2 impressed with, and she has many experiences that the
3 Commissioners would need. So, I would like to have her
4 considered.

5 MR. AHMADI: I liked the qualifications for this
6 individual. I think, if I can just share with you a
7 comment about my initial assessment of why I said
8 unfavorable for this one, was mainly in the area of
9 appreciation for California's diverse demographics and
10 geography. I think the response in that essay did not
11 convince me that there was sufficient detail to help me
12 make the favorable decision, but, anyway, I understand
13 that that is one of those areas that most candidates have
14 most challenge in terms of their responses because, you
15 know, not everybody has the same level of exposure to
16 California as to diversity, demographic, and geography,
17 but that does not mean that this individual is not able to
18 understand. So, the demonstration of that aspect of
19 qualification was a little vague to me, but certainly the
20 understanding was there, so I do not have any problem
21 agreeing to put her back into the pool.

22 MS. CAMACHO: Thank you.

23 CHAIR SPANO: I was really impressed with this
24 candidate's qualifications. In her question, I think it
25 is in her response to no. 1, she acknowledges

1 gerrymandering and has a good example of how it impacted
2 her life. She lives in Whittier, and where she lives is
3 divided into three Assembly Districts. She had good
4 recognition of the Citizens Redistricting Commission and
5 brings a background in nonprofits to the Commission, as
6 well as Board experience. She also has fundraising for
7 organizations whose missions the Applicant does not share.
8 I thought this Applicant - and she was also appointed
9 Cultural Arts Commissioner in Whittier. I think this
10 Applicant exhibits strong qualifications that are directly
11 relevant for Commission work. I believe that she should
12 be moved into the Tentative pool of 40.

13 MS. CAMACHO: Thank you.

14 MR. AHMADI: Thanks. Now I can move on?

15 CHAIR SPANO: Sure.

16 MR. AHMADI: I would like to have Donna Beers
17 back in the pool. Obviously, in my judgment she brings
18 certain qualifications and skills that will make the
19 Commission's work successful and that she is also adding
20 to the diversity, and I would like to have her back in the
21 pool because I think she brings a special aspect to the
22 mix of the Commissioners, being an Anthropologist, I think
23 there is some value in the application of the knowledge in
24 that field to the Commission's work. She has been a poll
25 inspector. Although, you know, some examples in the

1 responses to some of the qualifications were not as clear,
2 or as descriptive or detailed enough that I would prefer
3 them to be, but I would like to have this individual
4 considered for being part of the top 40.

5 MS. CAMACHO: My initial reservation was her
6 work history, that kind of concerned me a little bit,
7 however, listening to you and also understanding that she
8 was an owner of the Filipino Press, which I thought that
9 was very interesting with her background. She also has
10 public hearing experience, she has board experience, she
11 works well with groups, and definitely we need individuals
12 that can work with groups because there are going to be 14
13 members on the Commission and they are going to have to
14 work together. So, yes, I would like to put her on the
15 Tentative list to interview.

16 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

17 CHAIR SPANO: I agree with both of you. I
18 believe this candidate also exhibits strong skills in
19 writing, in technical writing. She has done grant
20 writing, she has some board experience with church, small
21 corporations, nonprofits, so she has got a variety of
22 experience with that background. She has a strong example
23 of impartiality and she is President of the Retired
24 Volunteers. And she also explains her experience as a
25 poll worker. She values informing others of the issues

1 that are important on both sides.

2 MR. AHMADI: Correct.

3 CHAIR SPANO: So, I believe this candidate
4 exhibits abilities that are necessary for commission work
5 and she should go in the Tentative pool of 40.

6 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

7 MS. CAMACHO: I am thinking that we have 17, is
8 that correct? I just want to check on this.

9 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: You are on 40 now. That
10 should not limit you, necessarily, but you are - it is a
11 good marker.

12 MS. CAMACHO: However, there are a few people
13 that I would like to have us consider, so I would like to
14 bring up another name if that is okay.

15 Sure. Orrin Banta. This individual is involved
16 in the community. He has strong relevant skills,
17 computers, statistics, that is kind of one of the areas I
18 know that we kind of learning in our training, that they
19 were saying that we should have some individuals with
20 strong math skills or quantitative skills; also has done
21 demographic research, consulting firms, and he is an
22 active volunteer. I would like to put him as a
23 consideration on our Tentative list.

24 MR. AHMADI: Let me just share some comments on
25 this one, perhaps starting with the reason I have an

1 unfavorable vote for this one, coming to this meeting. I
2 think my main concern was about the limitation of
3 experience, maybe, and also there were some phrases taken
4 from the regulations, as part of the response, so just to
5 share with you some of the thoughts that I had on this
6 one. Looking back at the qualifications and the skills,
7 the description of abilities, to be able to do the job of
8 the Commission, I found her to be - I found him, I am
9 sorry - I found him to be qualified, and I have in my
10 notes as a good qualified individual, but, again, as we -
11 I do not know how many times I mentioned this, these
12 decisions are difficult, and when I compare to other
13 individuals that I have in mind, it did not seem as strong
14 at that time. But I would love to go back and take a
15 second look at the details, or maybe for the 6th time, I do
16 not know how many times I looked at these applications,
17 but I will take a look back and consider it, of course.

18 MS. CAMACHO: Okay, thank you.

19 CHAIR SPANO: What impressed me about this
20 candidate is that he has experience in collecting
21 demographic data. He spent several years conducting
22 demographic and economic research for a small consulting
23 firm that provided demographics to school information, to
24 municipalities and other organizations. He is also
25 familiar with U.S. Census Bureau and Department of Finance

1 fiscal products tools, and geographic categories. He
2 exhibited strong analytical skills directly related for
3 the work of the Commission. He has also coordinated all
4 aspects of Butte County's Adult-Juvenile Drug Court
5 Programs as an Analyst for the Superior Court of
6 California, County of Butte. I feel his experience has
7 direct applicable relevant qualities to Commission work
8 and I believe that we should move this candidate forward
9 for the Tentative pool of 40.

10 MS. CAMACHO: Thank you.

11 MR. AHMADI: So, just like Mary said, even
12 though we have reached the 40 mark, I do have a few of my
13 strong Applicants here, Republicans that I would like to
14 introduce for reconsideration. Obviously I have voted yes
15 for these individuals, hoping that we would have unanimous
16 agreement on the favorable votes, but if you can please
17 reconsider Jeffrey Johnson, and this individual has great
18 qualifications and, in my judgment, brings a lot of
19 experiences and skills that will make the job of the
20 Commission successful. The letters of recommendation are
21 great, the content of the letters suggests further support
22 for the skills and qualifications. And so, the way this
23 individual states his interests in why he is applying, it
24 just impressed me, as well, because there are certain
25 elements that come across in terms of, you know, his

1 willingness to do whatever it takes to make the job of the
2 Commission successful. So there are certain values in
3 those kind of attributes, as well. So, in general terms,
4 I just want you to reconsider the qualifications on this
5 individual. And I believe this will add to the qualities
6 of the Commission, as a whole.

7 MS. CAMACHO: I agree with you, Nasir. He was
8 one of my 40 individuals and I felt, from looking at his
9 application, he was able to catch on things quickly, he
10 was able to communicate effectively, despite how technical
11 his background is, so he was able to put what he performs
12 in his job into terms where I was able to understand it,
13 so I was pretty impressed. I agree, I think we should put
14 him on the Tentative list to interview.

15 MR. AHMADI: And I am so glad you also so those
16 soft values that are reflected in the responses to the
17 application, so I am glad.

18 CHAIR SPANO: I believe this candidate also
19 should be moved to the Tentative pool of 40, I think his
20 direct qualities exhibited and he explained a great
21 example of impartiality, and he represents Yolo County, he
22 is a Neuroscientist, he has strong critical thinking
23 skills, so I believe this Applicant would enhance the
24 Commission work, so I agree he should be moved to the
25 Tentative pool of 40.

1 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

2 CHAIR SPANO: I also have another candidate that
3 I would like to further discuss. Her name is Susan Levy,
4 L-e-v-y, Applicant No. 11686. I believe this Applicant
5 has very unique experience, educator that worked with a
6 lot of multi-cultural communities in California, Santa
7 Maria. She has previous redistricting experience for
8 drawing school boundary lines in Santa Maria. She is
9 really good at reaching consensus with diverse groups, she
10 had solid experience doing outreach to distinct
11 communities and reaching consensus. She is an educator
12 with lots of board experience, also, and again, she served
13 on the Board while they redrew the district lines.

14 MS. CAMACHO: This individual, I just - it was
15 not clear to me through her descriptions how much she was
16 involved in items, or in her tasks, and I wish she had
17 just provided a little bit more detail; however, she does
18 have facilitator skills, board skills, she has leadership
19 skills that are there. She did work with the student
20 population. I think we should put her on the Tentative
21 list to interview.

22 MR. AHMADI: I respect your suggestion, Kerri,
23 and even though I had an unfavorable vote on this one,
24 again, coming to this meeting, nothing in particular,
25 nothing in specifics, but collective quality of skills and

1 abilities, in my judgment, was not as strong as other
2 ones, but I would love to take a second look at this one
3 and look at the details one more time. So, I agree.

4 CHAIR SPANO: Thank you. So she will go into
5 the pool of 40.

6 MS. CAMACHO: I do not have any other Applicants
7 at this time that I would like to put in for
8 reconsideration, so if you, Nasir or Kerri, have anymore,
9 please do bring them up.

10 MR. AHMADI: Thank you. I do have two more,
11 actually. Can I introduce both of them, one after
12 another?

13 MS. CAMACHO: Do you have anymore, Kerri?

14 CHAIR SPANO: I am trying to size up my list
15 right now.

16 MS. CAMACHO: No problem.

17 MR. AHMADI: So the first that I want to
18 reintroduce for reconsideration is Raymond Jessen, and to
19 me, this was one of the Applicants that was included in my
20 initial favorable vote for 140, in the previous meeting we
21 all found him qualified, so he had a favorable vote from
22 all of us in the previous one. He is a Dermatologist at
23 Kaiser. The responses to qualifications and the way he is
24 describing his abilities to meet the requirements of that,
25 and also to be successful on the Commission, is very clear

1 and ideal for me. So, without getting into the details, I
2 would like to have you guys reassess this individual, and
3 I believe this will add to the qualities, to the mix of
4 the Commission to be successful. So I would appreciate if
5 you would reconsider this one.

6 CHAIR SPANO: Great. Actually, I was impressed
7 by this candidate's abilities, skills, and talents. Also,
8 he is a retired Dermatologist from, let's see, Placer
9 County. He has provided an application very well
10 developed, I was very impressed with his description of
11 his strengths, his abilities, he has a high regard and
12 respect for people. He understands communities of
13 interest at a grassroots and state level, he is committed,
14 he is a leader, and he has got great group skills. Mary,
15 what did you think?

16 MS. CAMACHO: This individual is different than
17 all other candidates, he is very interesting and very
18 unique. He has board experience, but he also brings in a
19 doctor's perspective, so he is definitely working with a
20 diverse population. He is constantly seeing them. In his
21 application, you can see the dedication and hard work he
22 performs and how sincere he is. So, yes, I would like to
23 see him on our Tentative list to interview.

24 MR. AHMADI: Thank you so much.

25 MS. CAMACHO: Do you mind if we take maybe a 10-

1 15 minute break?

2 CHAIR SPANO: Sure.

3 MR. AHMADI: I think - is it time?

4 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Me too.

5 CHAIR SPANO: We will recess for 15 minutes.

6 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: It is 10:37, so 10:50?

7 Does that work?

8 CHAIR SPANO: Yeah, sounds good.

9 (Off the record at 10:37 a.m.)

10 (Back on the record at 11:02 a.m.)

11 CHAIR SPANO: Okay, it is 11:02 and we are back
12 on the record. Mary and Nasir, did you have any further
13 Applicants that you would like to discuss?

14 MR. AHMADI: Before we talk about the
15 Applicants, if I can make just a quick announcement, I
16 just learned that our system does not allow for a spell
17 check. I have not tested it, so - but the reason I wanted
18 to mention this or make this announcement is that my
19 concern about spelling errors on the applications are
20 diminished at this point because of that, so I just wanted
21 to make sure that it is on the record.

22 CHAIR SPANO: Thank you.

23 MR. AHMADI: Thanks. And I do not know, it
24 could be my math skills, but I think I mentioned I had two
25 more, but I actually have three more Applicants that I

1 would like to suggest for reconsideration. The first one
2 is - can I move forward, Madam Chair?

3 CHAIR SPANO: Oh, yes, please do.

4 MR. AHMADI: The first one is David Burdick.
5 And obviously this is one of the individuals that was in
6 my initial pile of 40 Applicants that I found as being
7 strong and most qualified. David has a Masters in
8 Physics, so that tells a lot about his analytical skills,
9 and collectively, when you look at the education and
10 experience, and the type of responsibility that this
11 individual has had, it suggests that the qualifications
12 for this Applicant are very competitive, and I would like
13 for the Panel members to please consider this for
14 including in the Tentative list of 40 Applicants.

15 MS. CAMACHO: Originally, when I looked at this
16 Applicant, I was hoping for a little bit more detail in
17 the answers, however, going back and seeing some of this,
18 he has been on the school board of the local Unified
19 School District, which means he does have board
20 experience, most likely public comments, and I think that
21 would be very relevant to the Commissioner. So I would
22 not mind bringing him in for a Tentative interview.

23 MR. AHMADI: Thank you, I appreciate that. And
24 also, I think part of the description for the qualities
25 and response to his understanding of California's diverse

1 demographics and also in the Interest Statement, and I had
2 to go back and add that to the quality of the response for
3 that one, so, thank you.

4 CHAIR SPANO: This Applicant had worked 32 years
5 with the Naval Air Force Center, so he was most recently
6 as a technology manager. He is currently a Science and
7 Technology Advisor for an engineering company, he has got
8 lots of board experience with the school board, hospital
9 advisory body, homeowners association, and library
10 volunteer group. He has appreciation demonstrated by
11 advocating California to engineering students concerning a
12 move to California. With this Applicant, I believe that
13 the demonstration for appreciation and his diverse
14 demographics and geography was not as strong as others
15 that I have seen, I think that was one of his weaknesses,
16 but because you like this candidate, I am going to
17 consider him further for the pool of 40.

18 MR. AHMADI: Thank you. I appreciate that. I
19 have two more, so if you allow me?

20 MS. CAMACHO: Yes, go ahead.

21 MR. AHMADI: The next individual that I would
22 like to suggest for reconsideration is Glen Priddy, P-r-i-
23 d-d-y. And, again, the reason I did that was, in my
24 judgment, the qualifications and skills and abilities of
25 this individual stands out as excellent for me and it

1 appears that there is also redistricting experience. The
2 reason I say "appears" is that I do not know at what level
3 I have to refresh my memory about the details, but in my
4 notes I have redistricting experience as one of the
5 valuable attributes that this individual can bring, or
6 contribute, so I would like the Panel to please reconsider
7 this individual as one of the top Tentative 40.

8 MS. CAMACHO: Do you have any -

9 CHAIR SPANO: Sure, Mary, I can go next. I
10 believe this is a gentleman from San Luis Obispo County
11 Area, he is in land surveying, so he has experience
12 creating land boundaries, like you were describing how he
13 had redistricting experience -

14 MR. AHMADI: Right, thank you.

15 CHAIR SPANO: Let's see, he has 18 years
16 experience with the County Engineers Association of
17 California, so he has got group work and understands the
18 needs of various commute counties. He is also a Veteran.
19 He knows California history and geography well, also.
20 That is incredibly needed for Commission work, also.
21 Mary, your thoughts?

22 MS. CAMACHO: Originally I was hoping for a
23 little bit more detail, but after listening to both of
24 what you have said, I am willing to put him in the
25 Tentative pool for interviewing.

1 MR. AHMADI: Thank you so much. I appreciate
2 that. And the last one, or the last application that I
3 had on my desk, the Applicant name is Daniel Seagondollar.
4 Again, my assessment of the qualifications and skills that
5 this individual presents in the application material is as
6 excellent, comparably competitive, no doubt, so I would
7 like to have this individual back in the pool for
8 reconsideration. I believe this individual brings certain
9 attributes and skills that are relevant and applicable to
10 the Commission's work, and he is very well informed, based
11 on the way he describes the responses, based on his
12 responses to the questions. So I would like to have him
13 be reconsidered for Tentative placement on the pool of 40
14 Applicants for an interview.

15 MS. CAMACHO: When comparing him to the other
16 Applicants, he - it was a hard decision, and this was not
17 one of the ones that I did bring forward, but, however, I
18 would not mind putting him in the Tentative pool because
19 he does demonstrate an awareness of the varied geography
20 of the state and individuals residing in the different
21 localities, and that is definitely something that we need
22 the Commissioners to be aware of. So, I think we should
23 put him in the Tentative pool.

24 MR. AHMADI: Thank you so much.

25 CHAIR SPANO: I also believe this candidate has

1 exhibited great strengths applicable to the Commission
2 work and he is well rounded in developing his responses.
3 He is a former Planning Commissioner in Apple Valley,
4 which falls under San Bernardino County. He has got good
5 impartiality, fabulous planning experience. He has been a
6 self-employed architect for almost 20 years. He is
7 familiar with general plans and structure, he has got
8 solid Commission experience, and adequate volunteer
9 experience, and just a good public service record. I
10 believe this candidate should also be moved forward to the
11 Tentative pool of 40 for interviewing.

12 MR. AHMADI: Thank you, Madam Chair. I
13 appreciate it.

14 MS. CAMACHO: Do you think we should read off -
15 are there any more? Because you were saying that you had
16 three more, is that all that you had to bring forward?

17 MR. AHMADI: That is correct. At this point, I
18 do not have any Applicants on my list to bring forward.

19 CHAIR SPANO: I do not either, actually. He
20 mentioned one that I wanted to speak about, so I think he
21 covered that well for me. So since we have no further
22 Applicants to discuss for this Tentative Republican pool
23 at this time, should we have Counsel confirm the list that
24 we have right now?

25 MS. CAMACHO: I think that would be a great

1 idea.

2 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

3 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Mr. Ahmadi, do you want
4 to put me through the pain of last name first?

5 MR. AHMADI: I think I learned from yesterday's
6 experience and I am ready whichever way you want to read
7 it.

8 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Okay, we will go slowly.
9 I will not include Applicant I.D. right now, I will just
10 give you the names, and then perhaps you will want to take
11 public comment before you break to reconsider.

12 So here we are on our Tentative Pool of
13 Republicans for Interview. First is Christine Allcorn,
14 Kathleen Beasley, Robert Gonzales, Larry Kerr, Leilani
15 Kimmel-Dagostino, Martin Lax, Nancy Lyons, Sandor Mayuga,
16 Davin McAndrews, Gabriel Morales, Henry Norton, Lilbert
17 "Gil" Ontai, Roy Salume, Christine "Chris" Shipman, Gina
18 Simas, Charles Starr, James Vidal, Evelyn Volpa, Michael
19 Ward, Mary Werthman, Cecilia White, Ronald Wilczynski,
20 Peter Yao, Gene Lee, Wesley Hussey, Jeffrey Kwong, Peggy
21 Huang, Jodie Filkins-Webber, Detta Hunt, David Ikari ,
22 Michael Briggs -

23 MR. AHMADI: Was that David Ikari?

24 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: You are right, David
25 Ikari, I am sorry. I cannot read my own handwriting.

1 Michael Briggs, Vincent Barabba, Edward Duran, Elizabeth
2 Miller-Bougdanos, Susan Miller, Evelyn Zneimer, Bev Perry,
3 Alan Skip Jorgensen, Susan Bowers, Donna Beers, Oren
4 Banta, Jeffrey Johnson, Suzanne Levy, Raymond Jessen,
5 David Burdick, Glen Priddy, and Daniel Seagondollar.
6 Forty-seven, total, in your Tentative Pool.

7 MR. AHMADI: It agrees with my list. Thank you.

8 MS. CAMACHO: Yes, that agrees with mine also.

9 CHAIR SPANO: Did you want to mention something,
10 Mary?

11 MS. CAMACHO: Since there are so many that we
12 will have to take a look at, I am thinking that there is
13 probably - what is it, 23 or something - that we are going
14 to have to take a look at, obviously we are going to be
15 taking public comment, but when we do take a break, I was
16 hoping that we could take a little bit longer break, may
17 an hour to hour and a half, so that would give us time to
18 take a look at this and also have a lunch break.

19 MR. AHMADI: I think that is a good idea.

20 CHAIR SPANO: Why don't we take an hour after we
21 hear from the public? Would that be adequate?

22 MS. CAMAHO: Do you think an hour would be
23 adequate to look at 23, Nasir?

24 MR. AHMADI: Well, I think if we want to add the
25 lunch time to it, I think an hour and a half will give us

1 sufficient time. I am also willing to take two hours,
2 because we are doing very well on time.

3 CHAIR SPANO: Okay, we can take a half an hour -

4 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: An hour and a half.

5 CHAIR SPANO: What did I just say?

6 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: A half hour.

7 CHAIR SPANO: Oh, goodness. Okay, I did not
8 mean to say that. Yeah, an hour and a half is good. So
9 now that we have that out of the way -

10 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Do you want to take
11 public comment?

12 CHAIR SPANO: Yes, please. Are there any
13 members from the public that would like to speak at this
14 time about the 47 that we have discussed?

15 MR. WRIGHT: Good morning. I am Jim Wright.
16 Referring to the list that I provided you yesterday of
17 individuals with Juris Doctorate, I now count that there
18 are nine of them among the 47 names that you have just
19 enumerated. And I have some concerns about a couple of
20 them. One of them, Michael Briggs, is counsel for Orange
21 County.

22 MR. AHMADI: Could you repeat that name, please?

23 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Briggs.

24 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

25 MR. WRIGHT: Okay, he is the counsel for the

1 Orange County Board of Supervisors, I believe it is.

2 Peggy Huang works for the Department of Agriculture, and
3 very likely has contact with the Legislature.

4 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: I would just add, that is
5 probably not a purely accurate assumption. Having been a
6 state attorney for a long time, including having worked as
7 legislative counsel, my contact with the legislature has
8 been very minimal over 10 years, so I would caution not to
9 make that assumption.

10 MR. AHMADI: Thank you, Counsel.

11 MR. WRIGHT: This is my opinion, only, okay?
12 Based on what I read, so you are welcome to take it with a
13 huge grain of salt if you will.

14 MR. AHMADI: We will consider.

15 MR. WRIGHT: Among the Juris Doctors, there is
16 also Edward Duran, Jodie Filkins-Webber, and Elizabeth
17 Miller-Bougdanos, and Evelyn Zneimer. I also have a
18 concern that there is one who is not a Juris Doctor, but
19 among the original 23 that each of you approved, that I
20 believe you should reconsider, and that is Nancy Lyons.
21 She works for the Governor in the Youth Gang Task Force.
22 There are also three Juris Doctors among those, Martin
23 Lax, Sandra Mayuga, and Gina Simas. So nine out of 47,
24 what does that work out to, a fifth, 20 percent? And my
25 original concern is we are a little heavy on people with

1 training as Juris Doctors. Thank you for your time.

2 CHAIR SPANO: Thank you for your comment.

3 MS. CAMACHO: Thank you.

4 CHAIR SPANO: Are there any further public
5 comments? Well, seeing no comment, I believe we should
6 take a recess for an hour and a half, so it is 11:18, so
7 should we reconvene at -

8 MS. CAMACHO: Want to just say 1:00?

9 CHAIR SPANO: We can convene around 1:00, make
10 it easy for everybody. Okay.

11 (Off the record at 11:19 a.m.)

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CHAIR SPANO: We're back on the record, it's

1:04 p.m.

We've had a chance, currently, to look at the sub-pool as it exists, Tentatively, for 47 Applicants that we discussed earlier.

We both -- we all, sorry, had a chance to look at the Applicant pool. Have you both, you and Nasir, have you taken a look and decided on some Applicants that you may want to pull out to arrive at the 40?

MS. CAMACHO: Yes, I have. This is so difficult. These Applicants are so qualified and they bring such diverse experiences into this mix, so this is another -- it's going to be a hard one tomorrow, too, or today, when we go on, if we go on.

But I had to go through here and look at it here because we have to get to the 40, so I did -- did find some individuals that I would like to discuss.

Would you like me to bring up or did you want to talk --

MR. AHMADI: Just wanted to comment, agreeing with you or echoing, you know, the fact that what you just said that this is, perhaps, the most difficult step in the process.

1 From this morning, you know, we were so anxious
2 to bring individuals into the pool because we love all of
3 them and we want to have a good, diverse group, but now
4 we're faced with the challenge of taking some of these out
5 of the pool of 47 that we have, that we agreed to.

6 So, it is going to be challenging. I did spend
7 my time looking back at the details of the applications
8 and Applicant material. Even though it's difficult, I
9 know it's our responsibility to make sure that we are in
10 compliance with the law and have 40 of the most qualified
11 Applicants in the pool.

12 So, I do have a few that I wanted to share with
13 you and discuss that I think may be a good start.

14 CHAIR SPANO: I do, as well, I have a few
15 Applicants that I'd like to discuss. I noticed that we
16 have a lot of coverage in certain regions, that I think
17 who are -- whose Applicant skills and abilities may
18 complement other Applicants that are existing in the pool
19 of the Republicans, so we may be able to remove people,
20 still maintaining a good balance of people, with good
21 qualifications for our Commission.

22 MR. AHMADI: Right, right. And as you said, you
23 know, at this point when we look at the geographic or
24 regional diversity and economic status, I think we have a
25 large group of South Coastal Region candidates.

1 CHAIR SPANO: Uh-hum.

2 MR. AHMADI: So, one way to approach this would
3 be, if it makes it a little easier for us, to focus on
4 that regional diverse group, first, and then see if we can
5 agree on some applications in that area.

6 Is that something that you guys think you might
7 be willing to do?

8 CHAIR SPANO: Sure.

9 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

10 CHAIR SPANO: Do you have a particular
11 candidate?

12 MR. AHMADI: Yes.

13 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

14 MR. AHMADI: Since that's kind of like my
15 thought process when I looked back at these applications
16 and I focused on, you know, not only qualifications, but
17 also diversity as well.

18 So, the first individual -- again, this is so
19 difficult, they're all so talented and there's something
20 each one of them offer, which makes it difficult for us to
21 decide on these, but we have to.

22 So, one of the Applicants that I believe Mary
23 suggested that we should reconsider was Detta Hunt. And
24 no doubt that this individual has excellent demonstration
25 of minimum qualifications and nice activities in the

1 church-related community involvement. I had to look back
2 at the details of her state job responsibility, she's
3 working at the Social Services, I believe, and the Welfare
4 Program, at her level.

5 My recollection of the details in that type of
6 responsibility, or what she does, is she has
7 administrative responsibility over the processing of, you
8 know, perhaps, participants in the Welfare Program and at
9 the high level, maybe state level, like administrative
10 type responsibility. She has been greatly involved with
11 the counties and have participated in several of those
12 statewide projects, where she -- I'm sure that, you know,
13 it's wonderful experience for her and beneficial to the
14 program recipients.

15 But, again, since we're looking for individuals
16 who may have more direct involvement with the communities
17 and the different demographic groups within the state, I
18 thought maybe this is a good candidate to focus on to see
19 if we can eliminate from the pool.

20 But, again, I'm just introducing this for a
21 discussion and let's talk about this one.

22 CHAIR SPANO: Actually, I did have her on my
23 list to possibly remove from the Applicant pool. She's
24 actually -- I know, Nasir, you brought up earlier today
25 that you wanted to talk about Southern Coastal or, right,

1 Applicants for --

2 MR. AHMADI: Yes, yes.

3 CHAIR SPANO: This Applicant happens to be from
4 Sacramento.

5 MR. AHMADI: Oh, okay.

6 CHAIR SPANO: And so I just -- if that's okay,
7 if you want to discuss --

8 MR. AHMADI: Well, actually, I have North
9 Central and South Coastal --

10 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

11 MR. AHMADI: -- that I wanted to focus on,
12 first, because of the diversity.

13 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

14 MR. AHMADI: So, you're correct.

15 CHAIR SPANO: Okay. So, I just wanted to
16 confirm that with you.

17 MR. AHMADI: I appreciate it.

18 CHAIR SPANO: I agree that this Applicant's
19 qualifications, she's got good qualifications to offer as
20 a commissioner, but I believe that she has strengths that
21 are covered in other Applicants that we have remaining in
22 the pool, where maybe we really need to keep because they
23 represent some kind of characteristics that would actually
24 give a good balance to the Commission.

25 MR. AHMADI: Correct, I agree.

1 MS. CAMACHO: I agree, her qualifications are
2 wonderful, however, she -- after looking at all the other
3 Applicants and comparing her to the other Applicants, I
4 agree that there's other Applicant's that have various
5 other qualities that she doesn't possess. And I agree
6 that we can remove her from the list.

7 MR. AHMADI: Okay. Thank you so much.

8 So, if I hear you correctly, then we are in
9 agreement to remove Detta Hunt --

10 MS. CAMACHO: Yes.

11 MR. AHMADI: -- from the Tentative pool of 47
12 that we had at the beginning of this session after the
13 break.

14 CHAIR SPANO: Yes.

15 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

16 CHAIR SPANO: Nasir, Mary, did you want for us
17 to take turns?

18 MS. CAMACHO: Yeah.

19 CHAIR SPANO: And maybe, see if you agree with
20 any of ours.

21 MR. AHMADI: Yes.

22 CHAIR SPANO: And I know you have your list,
23 Mary may have her list, and I have mine.

24 MS. CAMACHO: Yes.

25 CHAIR SPANO: See if we come in agreement with

1 those and we can discuss it further.

2 MR. AHMADI: I think that's a very good idea.

3 CHAIR SPANO: Mary, would you like to bring
4 another candidate for discussion?

5 MS. CAMACHO: Yes. Since we kind of went to the
6 north and stuff and I know we're focusing on various
7 areas, I wanted to bring in this -- or I want to put this
8 person out for discussion. I know they're not in the two
9 areas that you were discussing, but I would like to
10 discuss Glen Priddy.

11 When I was looking at this Applicant and
12 comparing him to the other Applicants in this area, and as
13 the group in total, I really didn't see the variance of
14 experience that I saw in other candidates, also, in the
15 respect of providing more information on giving us a feel
16 of what those experiences were.

17 So, I'd like to put him on the table for
18 possible elimination from the Tentative pool of
19 interviewees.

20 CHAIR SPANO: Nasir, did you have any comments
21 regarding this?

22 MR. AHMADI: Yes, I'm sure I have, but let me
23 just quickly remind myself of all the details, just to
24 make sure.

25 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

1 MR. AHMADI: Yeah, this was an individual that I
2 had a favorable vote for coming to this meeting and we
3 added back before lunch.

4 Again, I appreciate your sharing of those
5 thoughts and I think there's value in that. Even though
6 it's a difficult decision for me to say that, you know, my
7 notes here says that, you know, that this individual has
8 excellent qualifications.

9 But, of course, when I went back to the
10 application and looked at this, compared to the ones that
11 we already have in the pool, I can agree with you that
12 this may not -- this may be a good choice in terms of, you
13 know, elimination, so that we can reach our 40, even
14 though this is difficult for me to say. But in the
15 interest of, you know, achieving our objective, I'm
16 willing to agree with you on that one.

17 CHAIR SPANO: This gentleman, I think we have
18 coverage at least at the county level with this -- the
19 regional level if we choose to not -- to take him out of
20 the Tentative pool of 40.

21 I believe, like you said earlier, that some of
22 the skills could be mirrored by others that are in the
23 pool right now.

24 So, I would be willing to remove him from the
25 Tentative pool at this time.

1 MS. CAMACHO: Okay.

2 MR. AHMADI: So, just to make sure that we are
3 on the same page here, I think my intention with the
4 comment about the regional diversity was to see if we can
5 focus on those individuals that we can easily compare with
6 the ones we do have in the pool. But I'm okay if we
7 deviate from that.

8 CHAIR SPANO: Uh-hum.

9 MR. AHMADI: In other words, if you're still in
10 agreement, I think we should focus on that region first,
11 maybe, or if not, then we can discuss any Applicant that
12 you guys bring forward.

13 CHAIR SPANO: So, are you saying -- let me see
14 if I understand you correctly. Should we be focusing on
15 one region and compare their characteristics and skills,
16 is that what you're saying, before we move on and talk
17 about different --

18 MR. AHMADI: My initial thought was that since
19 we have to have diversity from different regions within
20 the state, and we do have a lot of Southern Coastal
21 candidates, at least my approach was to look at those
22 candidates compared to the rest of them.

23 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

24 MR. AHMADI: And, of course, you know, everybody
25 has equal chance and all that.

1 CHAIR SPANO: Uh-hum.

2 MR. AHMADI: But if we can start with that

3 region --

4 CHAIR SPANO: Okay, it looks --

5 MR. AHMADI: -- but that's just a suggestion

6 so --

7 CHAIR SPANO: Okay. So, the first one that we

8 took off, removed from the Tentative pool of 40 was from

9 Sacramento --

10 MR. AHMADI: Correct.

11 CHAIR SPANO: -- so now we should, maybe, you're

12 suggesting focusing on the Southern Coastal Region?

13 MR. AHMADI: That is correct.

14 CHAIR SPANO: Okay. So, I too -- and, Mary,

15 what are your thoughts on this, would that be easier for

16 you to focus on one Southern Region --

17 MS. CAMACHO: Either way.

18 CHAIR SPANO: -- we can -- okay. Okay.

19 MS. CAMACHO: Either way is fine with me.

20 Since, you know, we're hoping to just eliminate seven, I

21 don't know if that's a lot.

22 CHAIR SPANO: Sure.

23 MS. CAMACHO: But we can focus on one region at

24 a time.

25 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

1 MR. AHMADI: I appreciate that. And again, you
2 know, I think my approach to this is that we have to have
3 40 individuals to be in compliance with our requirement
4 and we also have to be as reasonably diverse as possible.

5 CHAIR SPANO: Uh-hum.

6 MR. AHMADI: So, since we have a lot of --
7 there's nothing about Southern Coastal, of course, I know
8 that's Republican-based, maybe, but I think, again, that
9 would be my approach to look at the South Coastal, because
10 I do have a few in my file that I wanted to bring forward
11 for discussion.

12 CHAIR SPANO: So, as I hear you both, should we
13 table Priddy right now, the Applicant Priddy, P-r-i-d-d-y,
14 that we just discussed, and start focusing on Southern
15 Coastal and maybe the North Central Valley Region, and see
16 if we can come -- remove seven from those areas, first,
17 and then consider this Applicant or see where we are.

18 MS. CAMACHO: Well, I think since we've already
19 kind of discussed him, we can move forward.

20 CHAIR SPANO: Okay. So, what is our decision on
21 that, just for clarification purposes?

22 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Why don't you focus on
23 the Southern Coastal Region moving forward?

24 CHAIR SPANO: Yeah, okay.

25 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: There's nothing permanent

1 until you make a vote.

2 CHAIR SPANO: Okay. Okay. I had a couple, I
3 believe, in the Southern Coastal area, also.

4 So, did you have one that you wanted to bring
5 up, in particular?

6 MR. AHMADI: Yes, I do.

7 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

8 MR. AHMADI: Do you want me to bring this one?

9 CHAIR SPANO: Sure, feel free.

10 MR. AHMADI: Okay. Susan Bowers. And this is
11 an individual that we added to the pile before lunch and I
12 went back and looked at the details of the qualifications,
13 so I reconsidered this, as we agreed.

14 And I would like to -- again, it's difficult
15 because when I look back at the qualifications there was
16 certainly value in that. But I am willing -- I'm still
17 kind of holding my initial position on this as
18 unfavorable, so I'd like to suggest that this Applicant,
19 compared to the rest of the pool, is not as comparably
20 qualified and, therefore, maybe a good candidate for us to
21 consider for elimination.

22 CHAIR SPANO: Actually, Susan Bowers was on my
23 list to remove from the Tentative pool, also. I believe
24 we have adequate coverage with her skills, although I was
25 impressed with her Applicant explanation for her responses

1 and her demonstration, but I understand our goal. And
2 she -- and as I looked at her a little bit more in-depth,
3 I realized that she may have -- lacked in consensus and
4 group work.

5 So, I agree that our removing her from the
6 Tentative pool, I believe her other strengths would be
7 covered by other candidates.

8 MS. CAMACHO: Let me just take a quick look at
9 her, okay?

10 CHAIR SPANO: Sure, sure.

11 MS. CAMACHO: After taking another look at this
12 Applicant I feel comfortable putting -- or taking her off
13 the list. She does have many qualities; however, I think
14 a lot of the individuals in this pool do, also.

15 So, I feel that we can take her off of our
16 Tentative interview list, yes.

17 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

18 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

19 CHAIR SPANO: Nasir, I had another, and Mary, I
20 have another Applicant from the L.A. Southern Coastal area
21 that I'd ask you to consider maybe removing from the
22 Tentative pool of 40 to move for interviews. Her name is
23 Susan Miller.

24 And when I looked at this Applicant, again, I
25 realized that many of her skills, her relevant skills,

1 actually, are complemented by other candidates existing in
2 our pool. I think that I feel comfortable removing her,
3 knowing that I believe we'd have adequate coverage with
4 the existing 40.

5 MR. AHMADI: I agree with you, Kerri.

6 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

7 MR. AHMADI: Because we added this one before
8 lunch. I did not have a favorable vote for this
9 individual or for this candidate as we came to this
10 meeting, but I'm glad that we added her back in and we
11 looked at the application to make sure one more time.

12 And I agree with you that I'm still holding my
13 initial position of unfavorable vote compared to the rest
14 of the individuals who's currently in the pool of 47.

15 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

16 MR. AHMADI: So, I agree with you on that one.

17 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

18 MS. CAMACHO: I'm just taking another look at
19 her, okay?

20 CHAIR SPANO: No, that's fine, take your time,
21 Mary.

22 MS. CAMACHO: Okay. Looking at her experience
23 and listening to what the other individuals are bringing
24 to this Commission, I feel that the skills and abilities
25 that she would bring forward would be covered by the other

1 Applicants. The only -- the only concern is I think she
2 does have strong -- so, I'd kind of like to -- can we just
3 table her for just a little bit and then see who else that
4 we bring forward.

5 CHAIR SPANO: Sure.

6 MR. AHMADI: Sure.

7 MS. CAMACHO: Would that be okay?

8 MR. AHMADI: Yeah.

9 MS. CAMACHO: So, we can put her on the
10 Tentative list, but kind of just put her on the side to
11 maybe pull back just if need be.

12 MR. AHMADI: Sure, I think that's a good idea.

13 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

14 MS. CAMACHO: Okay. I would like to discuss
15 Jeffrey Johnson. He is -- now, he's from Northern
16 Central, I know that's kind of getting out of your guys'
17 area but --

18 MR. AHMADI: No, that's fine, that's fine.

19 MS. CAMACHO: -- I'm kind of looking at these
20 things.

21 MR. AHMADI: No, I'm fine with that.

22 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

23 MS. CAMACHO: Even though he does bring so many
24 qualities to the Panel -- or to the Commission, he would,
25 I just feel that looking at his community involvement,

1 it's -- I don't see it as being as prevalent as a lot of
2 the other Applicants. However, that's just what it seems
3 to me.

4 What do you think?

5 CHAIR SPANO: You know, I did have a chance to
6 look at this Applicant, again, if you don't mind me going,
7 Nasir?

8 MR. AHMADI: No problem.

9 CHAIR SPANO: And I didn't have him on my list,
10 but I would agree with you that I'm comfortable removing
11 him from the pool. I noticed that in his diversity
12 response he talks about demographic groups and discusses
13 economics, and location, and common interest, but he only
14 mentions like race in one sentence, and no acknowledgement
15 of ethnic, gender, or any of the -- anywhere else in the
16 response. I didn't know if he satisfied that area.

17 But I think any of his strengths -- I know his
18 impartiality I felt was strong, but I believe that it
19 could be covered with another Applicant that we have, many
20 Applicants that we have existing in the pool at this time.

21 So, I'm comfortable removing him from the pool.

22 MS. CAMACHO: Okay.

23 MR. AHMADI: Yeah, and this is an individual
24 that I proposed to be added back to the pool before lunch
25 and I appreciate you taking the time to look back at the

1 qualifications and application.

2 And I looked back at the details, as well. And
3 as you stated, even though this individual possesses
4 certain qualities and skills that I believe are impressive
5 since, again, we have to make the difficult decision of
6 eliminating individuals to reach our goal, I'll have to
7 agree with you that I'm okay to eliminate this individual.

8 MS. CAMACHO: Okay.

9 MR. AHMADI: So, just to make sure that we are
10 on the same page, how many -- based on my count we have so
11 far gone through five Applicants, and one of them is
12 tabled, so including the one that's tabled, so we have
13 four Applicants that we currently agree. And, of course,
14 we haven't voted, yet, so they're all, you know, equally
15 available for discussion.

16 But based on my count we have four so far that
17 we agree.

18 CHAIR SPANO: Correct.

19 MS. CAMACHO: That's what I have.

20 CHAIR SPANO: That's what I have.

21 MR. AHMADI: Thank you, just to make sure.

22 CHAIR SPANO: So, does anyone else have another
23 Applicant? I do, and so, Mary, do you have one, too?

24 MS. CAMACHO: No, go ahead.

25 CHAIR SPANO: Should I go next, or Nasir?

1 MR. AHMADI: By all means, yes.

2 CHAIR SPANO: Okay. I would like the Panel to
3 consider Raymond Jessen for possible removal of the 40
4 Tentative pool.

5 I'm not sure if any of you had a chance to look
6 at him, again, but --

7 MR. AHMADI: I have, yes.

8 CHAIR SPANO: -- I felt that when I looked at
9 his responses and his qualifications, I felt that they
10 were covered in other areas and that regionally I think we
11 were okay with what we had, and the balance that we
12 obtained if we removed him from the Applicant pool.

13 I think his perspective on the Commission
14 regarding work is stellar, but I still believe that by
15 removing him from the Tentative pool we are still covered
16 with diversity, and all the other characteristics needed
17 in a good balance of talents, and skills, and abilities.

18 MR. AHMADI: Uh-hum.

19 CHAIR SPANO: How did you feel, Nasir?

20 MR. AHMADI: Yes, again, this is one of the
21 Applicants that I proposed to be added back and I
22 appreciate you taking a second look at the application and
23 reassessing the qualifications.

24 This individual, in my initial assessment, was
25 excellent qualifications. Obviously, there is a lot that

1 this individual offers and there's a lot of talent there.

2 But, again, if I have to take one off the list, I
3 think I'll be comfortable, when I compare the
4 qualifications from this application to the rest of the
5 pool, I'll be comfortable saying unfavorable to this one.

6 CHAIR SPANO: Uh-hum.

7 MR. AHMADI: So, I agree with you, Kerri, on
8 this one.

9 CHAIR SPANO: Oh, okay.

10 MS. CAMACHO: After looking quickly through his
11 application, he has remarkable skills and abilities, but I
12 agree with you, Kerri and Nasir, that those skills and
13 abilities are covered and probably to a more degree with
14 some of the other Applicants that we have in the pool.

15 And I would feel comfortable moving him to -- or
16 removing him from the Tentative list.

17 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

18 MR. AHMADI: If I can --

19 CHAIR SPANO: Sure.

20 MR. AHMADI: Can I move for the next one or --

21 CHAIR SPANO: Yeah, go ahead. Yes.

22 MR. AHMADI: Even though these are difficult
23 ones and I don't want to be the first one to say this, but
24 I have Elizabeth Miller-Bougdanos as the next one that I
25 think we should look at, and let's discuss the potential

1 for taking her off the list.

2 Again, this is an individual that we added
3 before lunch. The qualifications are excellent and I
4 can -- I don't want to go into the details at this point,
5 but I found, initially, when I read this, that all the
6 minimum qualifications were there and this is an excellent
7 candidate, a lot of talent there, a lot of experience and
8 a lot of skills.

9 But, again, we have to make the difficult
10 decision of removing. I believe we have six individuals
11 right now, including the one that's tabled, so this would
12 be the seventh one.

13 And so, I'm willing to hear from you, if there's
14 anything that you want me to reconsider, I will do so.

15 MS. CAMACHO: For -- I agree with you, Nasir.
16 After re-examining her application, because this is one of
17 the individuals I was hoping to discuss, when I looked at
18 her application I noticed that she really kind of focused
19 in on her work experience as, I think it was the lawyer
20 for the realtors.

21 MR. AHMADI: Yes, mediator lawyer.

22 MS. CAMACHO: Yes, and she kind of really
23 focused in on that and I didn't really see that much
24 community involvement.

25 So, I would be comfortable removing her from the

1 Tentative list.

2 MR. AHMADI: Okay. How about you, Kerri?

3 CHAIR SPANO: Well, yeah, I hear your concerns
4 about this candidate and I believe she's a -- she was a
5 mediator, is that correct? Let me see. I did like this
6 candidate, the way she developed her responses and the
7 strength she could bring to the Commission.

8 However, I believe that her skills and abilities
9 may be covered by another candidate existing, or other
10 candidates existing in the pool that we haven't discussed
11 so far.

12 So, I believe that we have adequate coverage at
13 the county level, even, for this Applicant. So, I'm
14 comfortable removing her from the Tentative pool of 40.

15 MR. AHMADI: Okay, thank you so much.

16 CHAIR SPANO: Uh-hum.

17 MR. AHMADI: So, at this point we have seven
18 individuals that we discussed, including the one that's
19 tabled. And I would like to suggest that we go back to
20 the one that's tabled before we move forward.

21 CHAIR SPANO: Uh-hum.

22 MS. CAMACHO: Can I just take a quick look at
23 this and then I'll be able to kind of -- I can probably
24 discuss Ms. Miller, if that's possible with you guys?

25 MR. AHMADI: Sure, that's fine.

1 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

2 MS. CAMACHO: Okay.

3 I, after looking at everything, I'd like to
4 still have Ms. Miller tabled for right now, if possible.

5 MR. AHMADI: Okay.

6 CHAIR SPANO: Actually, I'd like to bring
7 someone forward for discussion, if that's okay with you?

8 MR. AHMADI: Sure.

9 CHAIR SPANO: There is another person I'd like
10 to have you both consider removing from the Tentative pool
11 at this time, the name is Wesley -- the Applicant's name
12 is Wesley Hussey.

13 As I was looking at my balance of candidates, I
14 realized that I did originally feel very strongly about
15 his qualifications and what he can add to the Commission
16 because he's a teacher that teaches exercises on
17 redistricting, and he's very familiar with it.

18 However, I know that we may have -- I realize
19 that we may have adequate coverage for this region, as
20 well as his skills in other various regions that represent
21 the Applicant pool as it exists.

22 So, I'm comfortable removing this Applicant from
23 the Tentative pool for further consideration, for further
24 interviews.

25 I don't know how you -- if you both had a chance

1 to look at this Applicant, yet?

2 MR. AHMADI: I did. And, initially, my vote
3 was -- this was one of the Applicants who was in my list
4 of 40 that I was hoping to move forward. And I added this
5 before lunch and I appreciate, again, that you have taken
6 the time to reassess the qualifications.

7 This individual, in my judgment, brings certain
8 qualities and attributes to the Commission's work, I
9 believe this is the Sac State professor -- I mean, not
10 that I believe I know that this is the Sac State
11 professor, but he's an expert in government studies.

12 In my view, this was the best young individual
13 that I had come across so far from what we have looked at,
14 compared to the rest of the Applicants.

15 But again, because we have to make the difficult
16 decisions of moving forward, I heard you saying that this
17 individual is one of the candidates from North Central
18 Sacramento Region, so on that reason, only, I'm willing to
19 accept that we can remove this individual to the no pile.

20 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

21 MS. CAMACHO: After looking at his application,
22 I agree with you, Kerri and Nasir, that this was one of
23 the people that I agree with Nasir on that, you know, he
24 was a great Applicant.

25 However, comparing him to the other Applicants

1 in the pool, I feel that I would be comfortable with
2 removing him from the Tentative list.

3 MR. AHMADI: Okay. So, at this point we have
4 removed, if I may count them one more time just to make
5 sure, I have seven that we have agreed to remove from the
6 list.

7 Of course, we can bring them back in, but at
8 this point we have seven and that is not including the one
9 that we have tabled.

10 So, maybe it's a good time for you, Mary, to
11 discuss the one that's tabled to see if we should still
12 keep it or remove it.

13 MS. CAMACHO: Okay. Okay. After looking at
14 some of the information or a lot of the information that I
15 have here, I would feel comfortable with keeping her in
16 the Tentative list for interviews. I think she brings
17 strong skills and very -- skills that would be very
18 relevant and needed in the board -- or in the Commission.

19 Do you feel that or are you guys still looking?

20 MR. AHMADI: I'm still looking --

21 MS. CAMACHO: Okay, go ahead.

22 MR. AHMADI: -- and referring to my notes. But
23 just give me one second, please.

24 CHAIR SPANO: Mary, you just mentioned, when you
25 were talking about Miller, you feel comfortable, now,

1 about leaving her in?

2 MS. CAMACHO: Yes.

3 CHAIR SPANO: Okay. I do, as well. And I do
4 want to hear Nasir's thoughts, though.

5 MR. AHMADI: Sure. One concern that I have on
6 this one is, again, the law requires us to pay attention
7 to diversity, geographic and economic status, including
8 other elements.

9 Not that I have a solid position on this at this
10 point but just -- I'm sure that you guys are aware of this
11 and you're focusing on this, but just to draw your
12 attention to the number of Applicants that we have at this
13 point in time from the Southern Coastal Region.

14 And if you guys are okay with that, I'm okay.
15 But I have some hesitation, especially the Applicant that
16 we discussed prior to this one, or the last one that we
17 discussed, Wesley Hussey, you know.

18 I don't know, it's difficult to say -- to easily
19 say no, based on the qualifications, and the skills, and
20 the value that comes across.

21 So, do you guys have any thoughts for -- in that
22 regard, in terms of the fact that we have a lot of
23 individuals from -- not a lot, but from Southern Coastal,
24 even though I understand that Southern Coastal has -- we
25 had a lot of applications from the Republicans from that

1 region.

2 CHAIR SPANO: Correct.

3 MR. AHMADI: And it's okay to have more, as long
4 as they are qualified. But I just wanted to maybe just
5 bring that to your attention one more time.

6 CHAIR SPANO: Sure. Sure. My concern about
7 that, I realized that we did start off with a lot of
8 Applicants in that region. And for that reason, I think
9 as we reduce and make the cut to 40, I think it's a
10 natural progression that we're going to have a more
11 significant representation in L.A. and the Southern
12 Coastal area.

13 I also realize that the breakdown between female
14 and male is also a great -- it's not fairly equal, but I
15 know it's not supposed to be. I'm trying to get it so
16 that it represents a good pool and balance.

17 MR. AHMADI: Sure.

18 CHAIR SPANO: As well as looking at other areas
19 that I feel are, maybe could be compensated in any areas
20 that we need to make up.

21 So, at this point, I, personally, would like to
22 check to see who we've got.

23 MR. AHMADI: Sure.

24 CHAIR SPANO: And agreed on so far to be removed
25 from the Tentative pool for further review.

1 So, Mary, what do you think, should we confirm
2 the list to see where we are?

3 MS. CAMACHO: Yeah, let's -- do you mind if
4 maybe we take maybe a ten-minute break?

5 CHAIR SPANO: Sure.

6 MS. CAMACHO: Just so I can take a look at these
7 numbers, I need to --

8 CHAIR SPANO: Sure, but can we confirm the list
9 that we have, so that I know what we're going --

10 MS. CAMACHO: Oh, yes.

11 CHAIR SPANO: I just want to have clarification
12 and confirm what we've agreed on so far, before I make any
13 further discussions of any Applicants.

14 MR. AHMADI: Sure.

15 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

16 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Okay. So, do you want me
17 to list the individuals that you've agreed to take out
18 right now?

19 CHAIR SPANO: Yes, that is easier for me.

20 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Would that be easiest for
21 you? Okay.

22 CHAIR SPANO: Or for, as well as Mary or Nasir,
23 is that okay?

24 MS. CAMACHO: Yes.

25 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Okay.

1 MR. AHMADI: Yes.

2 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: I think I have this
3 right. I believe you've agreed to take out Detta Hunt,
4 Elizabeth Miller-Bougdanos, Susan Bowers, Jeffrey Johnson,
5 Raymond Jessen, and Glen Priddy.

6 I think you've also taken out Wesley Hussey,
7 although I hear there's some discussion about him. And I
8 think you've also taken out Susan Miller, but I'm not sure
9 that you've actually decided on that firmly, yet.

10 So, those are the two that I still have -- I'm
11 not sure that you've resolved that one, yet.

12 MR. AHMADI: Thank you. That, agree, reconciles
13 with my list.

14 Wesley Hussey, I think we did decide to take
15 out, but since one of the Applicants that Mary had tabled,
16 Susan Miller, I believe is correct, I brought that back in
17 to compare with who was tabled. And I strongly suggest
18 that she should take a second look at Susan Miller versus
19 Wesley Hussey as we go to a break.

20 MS. CAMACHO: Okay.

21 CHAIR SPANO: Okay, I'm confused. Let's see,
22 we've got Bowers, right?

23 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: As coming out, yes.

24 CHAIR SPANO: Okay, Hunt?

25 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Yes.

1 CHAIR SPANO: Hussey?

2 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Yes.

3 CHAIR SPANO: Jessen?

4 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Yes.

5 CHAIR SPANO: Priddy?

6 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Yes.

7 CHAIR SPANO: Johnson?

8 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Yes.

9 CHAIR SPANO: Miller-Bougdanos?

10 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Yes.

11 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

12 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: And maybe Miller.

13 MS. CAMACHO: Yeah.

14 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: I'm not sure whether

15 we're at seven or eight at this point.

16 CHAIR SPANO: Okay, so that's seven. And we're

17 still considering Miller?

18 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Seven without Miller.

19 CHAIR SPANO: Without Miller, okay.

20 MS. CAMACHO: And then, also, Nasir also said

21 that we should reconsider Hussey. Is it Wesley Hussey?

22 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Yes.

23 MR. AHMADI: Yes.

24 MS. CAMACHO: Yes, Wesley Hussey.

25 MR. AHMADI: Yes, thank you.

1 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

2 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: So, I think you firmly
3 agree on six right now, but two are still up in the air.

4 MR. AHMADI: Correct. And the two are, one more
5 time, Wesley Hussey and Susan Miller.

6 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Correct.

7 CHAIR SPANO: Okay. So, shall we go back and
8 take a short time, a short break, a recess to look at it
9 and see how we feel about it, or do you want to discuss
10 this further right now?

11 MS. CAMACHO: I --

12 MR. AHMADI: Madam Chair? I'm sorry for
13 interrupting.

14 Do you think it's a good time to take public
15 comments?

16 CHAIR SPANO: Sure.

17 MR. AHMADI: At this point, before we go to the
18 break, so that we can consider that as well.

19 CHAIR SPANO: Sure. Is the public clear on how
20 many Applicants that we have decided to remove from the
21 seven right now? Would anybody like to comment on that?

22 Seeing that there's no comment, why don't we
23 break for about 15 minutes. It's 1:50, did you want to go
24 until 2:05?

25 MS. CAMACHO: Sounds good.

1 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

2 MR. AHMADI: Thank you so much.

3 CHAIR SPANO: Let's recess until 2:05.

4 (Off the record at 1:50 p.m.)

5 (Back on the record at 2:06 p.m.)

6 CHAIR SPANO: We're back on the record, it's

7 2:06 p.m.

8 I wanted to ask the Panel, as I went back to

9 size up the seven --

10 MS. CAMACHO: I -- sorry. Butterfly clip that

11 fell off.

12 CHAIR SPANO: Oh, okay.

13 MS. CAMACHO: Holds our tablecloths on.

14 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

15 MS. CAMACHO: I have somebody that I'd like to

16 discuss, to see if we can maybe, possibly discuss that

17 person. Because I agree that Miller and Wesley Hussey

18 kind of bring unique qualities.

19 And I'm -- when I went back and I took a look at

20 this other individual that we haven't discussed, yet, that

21 I'll bring up, I'm thinking that maybe we should consider

22 this individual for elimination from our list.

23 CHAIR SPANO: Our Tentative 40?

24 MS. CAMACHO: Yes.

25 CHAIR SPANO: Okay. Before we go, Mary, may I

1 bring something up?

2 Just for clarification purposes, as I was going
3 through my list and I recall counsel listing the seven
4 people that we thought for removal, I remember when we
5 were discussing Wesley Hussey that the Panel agreed that
6 he should be Tentatively removed. I don't remember
7 tabling him at any point.

8 And, Mary, what did you think, I don't remember.
9 I mean, that was my recollection before we left this,
10 before recess.

11 MR. AHMADI: I --

12 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: I don't think you have
13 anything to officially table because there's not a motion
14 pending.

15 CHAIR SPANO: Okay. But I don't remember the
16 Panel agreeing to reconsider this candidate, like we did
17 with Miller, so I was just -- I was just concerned.

18 MR. AHMADI: If I can add a comment because this
19 was --

20 CHAIR SPANO: Sure, yeah.

21 MR. AHMADI: -- it was me to bring him back to
22 the discussion. Because my understanding is that at this
23 point, even though we agreed on the seven or six as
24 Tentatively to be removed from the Applicant pool, they're
25 all subject to discussion and we can bring anybody back

1 into the discussion, that's my understanding, until we
2 have the motion.

3 We do not have the motion, yet.

4 CHAIR SPANO: No, that's my understanding.

5 MR. AHMADI: So, that was my reason for
6 mentioning him back in because my initial thought was
7 moving forward with the process and, as I stated several
8 times, it's so difficult when you compare qualifications
9 of one Applicant with another. But then, since we have
10 Ms. Miller on the table for discussion, I just thought
11 maybe for reconsideration to bring this individual back in
12 because my initial assessment of the qualifications was as
13 excellent.

14 So, I just wanted to give another chance for us
15 to look at this individual so --

16 CHAIR SPANO: Okay. And as I look at the pool
17 as it is right now, considering the seven I think that we
18 have on the table to be removed, I believe we have a
19 deficiency in maybe one of the diversity characteristics,
20 such as gender, and I think we should consider, carefully,
21 if when we remove any females further from the -- from
22 further consideration, because there was such a disparity
23 to begin with.

24 And so, I just was thinking that maybe the pool,
25 itself, is pretty balanced, but as we make more

1 suggestions on who should remain in the pool for Tentative
2 interviews that --

3 MR. AHMADI: I agree.

4 CHAIR SPANO: -- you know, that we keep that in
5 mind.

6 MR. AHMADI: Sure.

7 CHAIR SPANO: Yeah.

8 MS. CAMACHO: The individual I'd like to discuss
9 and, basically, we have seven individuals that would
10 include the Wesley Hussey and not Susan Miller, so I can
11 kind of go over the individuals.

12 But I'm suggesting, I kind of agree with Nasir
13 that Wesley Hussey brings a lot of skills and qualities
14 I'd like to see represented in the Commission.

15 And I am suggesting that we discuss David
16 Burdick.

17 MR. AHMADI: Okay. Thank you, Mary.

18 MS. CAMACHO: When I went and revisited this
19 person's application, he is very highly intellectual, very
20 well schooled. What kind of concerns me with this
21 Applicant is I am unsure if he would be able to talk with
22 the communities of interest, because this is individuals
23 that are -- represent all of California.

24 And when I was reading his application it was,
25 in some respects, kind of hard for me to read because it

1 was technical in nature, so there was some aspects I was
2 getting a little bit lost in.

3 I understand that he's, you know, very well
4 qualified, but I'm not sure if he would be a good fit to
5 put on the Commission because I'm not sure about the
6 ability to really interact with the communities of
7 interest and the public, as well as Wesley Hussey and
8 Susan Miller.

9 MR. AHMADI: So, this makes it even harder, I
10 guess, huh?

11 MS. CAMACHO: Yes.

12 MR. AHMADI: So, basically, if I compare Wesley
13 Hussey with David Burdick, just looking at my notes and my
14 recollection of the details, and looking back at the
15 historic votes on these individuals, as you are aware Mr.
16 Hussey had three votes at the initial review and then
17 three votes at the last review, and I still voted for him,
18 and he was one of my favorites.

19 On the other hand, David Burdick, initially I --
20 he's one of my favorites, as well, so I always voted for
21 him as being one of the qualified and most qualified, I
22 guess, when we compare to the rest of the pool.

23 If I have to make a decision between these two
24 individuals, I'll have to agree with you, Mary, that David
25 Burdick may be the one that I would like to eliminate.

1 CHAIR SPANO: I believe when I was looking at
2 Burdick again, and according to my notes early on, I did
3 write something about potential for leading a meeting and
4 his leadership abilities that were maybe a little strong,
5 and I thought maybe it would hurt the team environment and
6 how they operate together, and achieve consensus.

7 And so, I'm comfortable removing this Applicant
8 for further consideration, and so I agree, yeah.

9 MS. CAMACHO: Okay.

10 CHAIR SPANO: So, it is my understanding that
11 Wesley Hussey remains for further consideration and we
12 have now removed Mr. Burdick from further consideration,
13 and so I believe we're at seven now.

14 So, according to my list, I wanted to confirm
15 with you and Nasir --

16 MR. AHMADI: Yes.

17 CHAIR SPANO: -- the following individuals that
18 we've removed from further consideration for the
19 Republican Pool.

20 Susan Bowers, Detta Hunt, Raymond Jessen, David
21 Burdick, Glen Priddy, Jeffrey Johnson --

22 MR. AHMADI: Did you say Glen?

23 CHAIR SPANO: Glen Priddy, P-r-i-d-d-y.

24 MR. AHMADI: Got it, thank you.

25 CHAIR SPANO: And Ms. Miller-Bougdanos.

1 Elizabeth Miller-Bougdanos.

2 Are those the seven that you also have, too,

3 Mary?

4 MS. CAMACHO: Yes, they are.

5 CHAIR SPANO: And Nasir?

6 MR. AHMADI: And those are the seven that I have

7 on my list for elimination, yes.

8 CHAIR SPANO: Okay. At this time, are you

9 comfortable with the seven?

10 MR. AHMADI: I am, yes.

11 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

12 MS. CAMACHO: I am, also.

13 CHAIR SPANO: So, that would bring us down to 40

14 as we have it.

15 So, should we take public comment or confirm the

16 list, first, before we -- the list of 40 before we take

17 public comments?

18 MR. AHMADI: If I can make a suggestion, I'm

19 sorry, before we move to the public comment session, if we

20 can read the names one more time, just to make sure of the

21 ones who are counted in the Tentative list of 40?

22 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: I'll read you the 40,

23 yes.

24 MR. AHMADI: Thank you so much.

25 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Would you like me to

1 include their Applicant IDs, as well?

2 MR. AHMADI: Would you, please?

3 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Yes.

4 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

5 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: And may I go first name
6 first?

7 MR. AHMADI: Okay, I got it.

8 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Christine Allcorn,
9 Applicant ID 13174.

10 Kathleen Beasley, Applicant ID 22713.

11 Robert Gonzales, Applicant ID 11438.

12 Larry Kerr, Applicant ID 32486.

13 Leilani Kimmel-Dagostino, Applicant ID 19379.

14 Martin Lax, Applicant ID 3534.

15 Nancy Lyons, Applicant ID 4646.

16 Sandor Mayuga, Applicant ID 33484.

17 Davin McAndrews, Applicant ID 30538.

18 Gabriel Morales, Applicant ID 3051.

19 Henry Norton, Applicant ID 27424.

20 Lilbert "Gil" Ontai, Applicant ID 342.

21 Roy Salume or Salume, Applicant ID 32975.

22 Christine "Chris" Shipman, Applicant ID 4157.

23 Gina Simas, Applicant ID 6276.

24 Charles Starr, Applicant ID 21487.

25 James Vidal, Applicant ID 9056.

1 Evelyn Volpa, Applicant ID 24641.
2 Michael Ward, Applicant ID 33384.
3 Mary Werthman, Applicant ID 4242.
4 Cecilia White, Applicant ID 11068.
5 Ronald Wilezynski, Applicant ID 16258.
6 Peter Yao, Applicant ID 16250.
7 Gene Lee, Applicant ID 8216.
8 Jeffrey Kwong, Applicant ID 6467.
9 Petty Huang, Applicant ID 1458.
10 Jodie Filkins Webber, Applicant ID 21683.
11 David Ikari, Applicant ID 3368.
12 Michael Briggs, Applicant ID 21387.
13 Vincent Barabba, Applicant ID 3353.
14 Edward Duran, Applicant ID 5896.
15 Evelyn Zneimer, Applicant ID 7268.
16 Bev Perry, Applicant ID 10948.
17 Alan "Skip" Jorgensen, Applicant ID 1915.
18 Donna Beers, Applicant ID 27703.
19 Orrin Banta, Applicant ID 30854.
20 Susanne Levy, or Levy, or Levy, Applicant ID
21 11686.
22 Daniel Seagondollar, Applicant ID 20861.
23 Susan Miller, Applicant ID 7578.
24 And Wesley Hussey, Applicant ID 31432.
25 MR. AHMADI: Thank you so much, that agrees with

1 my list.

2 CHAIR SPANO: So, at this time should we take
3 public comment?

4 MR. AHMADI: Yeah, I think so, yeah.

5 CHAIR SPANO: Okay. The members of the public
6 like to come forward and speak on behalf of this pool,
7 Tentative pool that we have developed?

8 No, okay.

9 MR. AHMADI: I think we are doing a good job,
10 huh?

11 CHAIR SPANO: It's tough.

12 MR. AHMADI: It is.

13 CHAIR SPANO: So, I guess --

14 MS. CAMACHO: Do you want me -- I can make the
15 motion and that way you don't have to read off all the
16 names, again?

17 CHAIR SPANO: Oh, I don't mind.

18 MS. CAMACHO: Oh, you don't mind?

19 CHAIR SPANO: If you want, that's fine with me.

20 MS. CAMACHO: No, Steph's been doing a fabulous
21 job, so thanks.

22 CHAIR SPANO: Okay, feel free, go ahead. Shoot
23 Mary, yeah.

24 MS. CAMACHO: Okay. I move that we interview
25 the following 40 Applicants, who are -- who are affiliated

1 with the Republican Party

2 And sorry if I mispronounce you.

3 Christine Allcorn, Applicant number 13174.

4 Kathleen Beasley, Applicant 22713.

5 Robert Gonzales, Applicant number 11438.

6 Applicant Larry Kerr, Applicant ID number 32486.

7 Applicant Leilani Kimmel-Dagostino, Applicant
8 number 19379.

9 Applicant Martin Lax, Applicant ID number 3534.

10 Applicant Nancy Lyons, Applicant ID number 4646.

11 Applicant Sandor Mayuga, Applicant ID number
12 33486.

13 MR. AHMADI: Four eight four.

14 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: It's 33484.

15 MS. CAMACHO: Oh, sorry, 33484.

16 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Correct.

17 MS. CAMACHO: Applicant Davin McAndrews,
18 Applicant ID number 30538.

19 Applicant Gabriel Morales, Applicant ID number
20 3051.

21 Applicant Henry Norton, Applicant ID number
22 27424.

23 Applicant Lilbert "Gil" Ontai, Applicant ID
24 number 342.

25 Applicant Roy Salume, Applicant ID number 32975.

1 Applicant Christine "Chris" Shipman, Applicant
2 ID number 4157.
3 Applicant Gina Simas, Simas --
4 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Simas.
5 MS. CAMACHO: Simas, Applicant ID number 6276.
6 Applicant Charles Starr, Applicant ID number
7 21487.
8 Applicant James Vidal, Applicant ID number 9056.
9 Applicant Evelyn Valopa --
10 MR. AHMADI: Volpa.
11 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Volpa.
12 MS. CAMACHO: Volpa.
13 MR. AHMADI: Yes.
14 MS. CAMACHO: Applicant ID number 24641.
15 Applicant Michelle --
16 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Michael.
17 MS. CAMACHO: Michael Ward, Applicant ID number
18 33384.
19 Applicant Mary Weatherman --
20 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Werthman.
21 MS. CAMACHO: Werthman, Applicant number 4242.
22 Applicant Cecilia White, Applicant ID number
23 11068.
24 Applicant Ronald --
25 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Wilczynski.

1 MS. CAMACHO: -- Applicant ID number 16258.
2 Applicant Peter --
3 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Yao.
4 MS. CAMACHO: -- Yao, Applicant ID number 16250.
5 Applicant Gene Lee, Applicant ID number 8216.
6 Applicant --
7 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Jeffrey Kwong.
8 MS. CAMACHO: -- Jeffrey Kwong, Applicant ID
9 number 6467.
10 Applicant Peggy Huang --
11 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Huang.
12 MS. CAMACHO: -- Huang, Applicant ID number
13 1458.
14 Applicant Judy Filkins Webber --
15 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Jody.
16 MS. CAMACHO: Is that Jody?
17 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Jody Filkins Webber.
18 MS. CAMACHO: Applicant ID number 21683.
19 Applicant David Ikari, Applicant ID number 3368.
20 Applicant Michael Briggs, Applicant ID number
21 21387.
22 Applicant Vincent --
23 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Barabba.
24 MS. CAMACHO: -- Barabba, Applicant ID number
25 3353.

1 Applicant Edward Duran --
2 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Duran.
3 MS. CAMACHO: -- Applicant ID number 5896.
4 Applicant Evelyn --
5 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Zneimer.
6 MS. CAMACHO: -- Applicant ID number 7268.
7 Applicant Bev Perry, Applicant number 10948.
8 Applicant Alan Jorgensen, Applicant ID number
9 1915.
10 Applicant Donna Beers, Applicant ID number
11 27703.
12 Applicant --
13 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Orrin Banta.
14 MS. CAMACHO: -- Orrin Banta, Applicant ID
15 number 30854.
16 Applicant Susanne Levy -- Levy -- Applicant ID
17 11686.
18 Applicant Danielle -- or Daniel --
19 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Seagondollar.
20 MS. CAMACHO: -- Seagondollar, Applicant ID
21 number 20861.
22 Applicant Susan Miller, Applicant ID 7578.
23 Applicant Wesley Hussey, Applicant ID 31432.
24 MR. AHMADI: I agree with that list.
25 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Is there a second?

1 CHAIR SPANO: Second.

2 MR. AHMADI: I second that, that's what I meant.

3 CHAIR SPANO: All in favor?

4 (Ayes.)

5 CHAIR SPANO: All opposed?

6 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: All in favor say aye.

7 CHAIR SPANO: All in favor say aye?

8 (Ayes.)

9 CHAIR SPANO: All opposed?

10 There being no opposition, the motion is

11 carried.

12 I'd like to also propose a second motion, that

13 we move to eliminate from the Applicant pool all remaining

14 Republican Applicants.

15 Is there a second?

16 MS. CAMACHO: I second that.

17 CHAIR SPANO: All in favor say aye?

18 (Ayes.)

19 CHAIR SPANO: All opposed?

20 The motion is carried.

21 At this time it appears that the work that we

22 have been scheduled to do today has been completed. Is

23 there any general public comment at this time?

24 Seeing no further comment, Mary, Nasir, would

25 you agree that we should recess for this time or --

1 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: I should state for the
2 record, and you already know this so there's not reason
3 for you to bring it up, we did receive two written
4 comments, both of which have been provided to you and
5 copies have been made available at the back of the room.

6 CHAIR SPANO: Yes.

7 MS. RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY: Those are part of the
8 record, even though they're not here to read them in.

9 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

10 MR. AHMADI: Thank you.

11 CHAIR SPANO: Okay. So, I recommend that we
12 recess until further, until tomorrow morning at 9:30.

13 MS. CAMACHO: I agree with you.

14 MR. AHMADI: Nine-thirty tomorrow morning.

15 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

16 MR. AHMADI: I appreciate that, thank you.

17 CHAIR SPANO: Okay.

18 (Thereupon, the hearing was recessed
19 at 2:29 p.m.)

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